GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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ESTABLISHMENT OF CULTURAL CENTRES
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to open some more Cultural Centres abroad;

(b) if so, the details thereof, country-wise;

(c) by when they are likely to become operational; and

(d) the extent to which the existing Cultural Centres have been successful in achieving their aims and objectives?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH)

(a) Yes. Cultural Centres are periodicallyopened in different countries with a view to promoting India`s composite cultural heritage abroad.

(b&c) Several proposals for opening new Cultural Centres are presently being examined.These Centres will be opened depending upon the assessments of their requirements and the availability of funds.

(d) The existing Cultural Centres have been successful in projecting India`s image anddiverse cultural heritage. These Centres are playing a pivotal role in showcasing and promoting Indian cultural traditions abroad.